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## COMPANY A IN CAMP

Saturday afternoon, there was a little notice in the Star to the effect that the editor was going to Black Point Sunday, and would take along tobacco and other things for the members of Co. A. About half an hour after the paper went to press Charlie Fox of Gerig's drugstore brought a big package, the gift of himself and George Greene, and put it on the editor's table. Immediately after came George Chambers with another package from the fire station boys, and from them they piled on in rapid succession. That editorial table never had anything so interesting on it before. Friend Bennett of the Ocala House peeled a bill off his roll and told the editor to buy smokes for the boys. Friend Jeffords of Masters' store sent a box, and then we lost count. Suffice it to say that we had more than we could pack in two big suitcases, and if we hadn't had help we would never have got thru.

We had efficient aid, however. Ex-Sergeant George Woods of the Rifles was going to pay a Sunday visit to the boys, and with him went Perry Anthony, Elbert R. Mills and Harper Aiken. Each of the boys had a load to carry, but none so much as the old man, but they divided up in weight, so none of us were excessively loaded. This party went on the Coast Line morning train, and Ellis Brigrance and several others went on the Seaboard, so there was a delegation of about ten who met in the union station at Jacksonville Sunday morning.

The best way to go to Black Point is by auto, but if you have more time than money you can ride to Ortega on a trolley car, and there take one of the several autos that finish up the remainder of the route to the point. The Coast Line has a track into the camp grounds and runs trains during the state encampment, but there did not seem to be any trains running Sunday, so the Ocala delegation went via Ortega.

Black Point has been described in the papers many times, but one cannot have much of an idea of it without seeing it. It is an almost level plateau, some three miles in area. The St. Johns river sweeps around on three sides of it. There is parade ground big enough for ten thousand men to go thru evolutions on and a target range. The forest along the bluff at the southern side of the grounds has been carefully preserved, and in it the tents are pitched. There is a clubhouse for the officers, and a big, roomy pavilion for the enlisted men by the river, and a long wharf, from which the men may go in bathing extending out into the river.

Being principally concerned in Co. A, we made a bee line for its quarters. It was the second in the long line of company camps. The boys had just finished their morning's work and had a little time to themselves. They greeted the Star man like he had been their long-lost uncle and lost no time in exploring the suitcases.

We remained with the boys until we had to take the train for home, and have seldom spent so pleasant a day. They were all well; not a man has been on the sick list since the company left home. They are all in good spirits, bearing cheerfully and uncomplainingly the privations of camp life. We did not see a frowning face nor hear a word of complaint all day.

The company reached camp last Thursday morning. Their first trip was not a parlor car experience. "The magnificent transportation system" our newspapers blow about was not in evidence. If the cars they traveled in were not condemned, they should be; and the Seaboard Air Line ought to be ashamed of itself for putting men who have volunteered for the defense of their country in such rotten coaches.

However, once in camp, they were well taken care of, the nobody need think they are being pampered. The camp is arranged in streets, which face on the parade ground and run back into the forest. The officers have their tents out on the parade ground, and are not so well off as the men, whose tents are back in the shade.

The men have good tents; they are more comfortable than the average houses. Most are in the shape of a big cone, the some are pyramidal. With the bottoms of the tents rolled up, so that there is full circulation of air, and an aperture at the top, they have all the shade and all the ventilation there is to be had. But they can be closed until watertight, and with a trench cut around them they can be kept dry in a swamp.

The men sleep on cots, which are not so luxurious as a spring bed; but they are comfortable enough to a tired and healthy young man. Each man has his blanket, if he needs it, and with his coat or some other such article for a pillow, he has all a he-man needs.

At the beginning of each company street is the cook tent. This is an open shed with long tables in it; most of the boys, however, preferring to take their rations to their tents or the

## THE STAR'S PHONES

The editor's phone is "51-TWO RINGS" while the business office remains the same. Our friends will save themselves possible annoyance and delay by keeping this in mind when calling up the Star office in future.

shade of the trees. The camp oven, etc., in which the cooking is done, is at one end of this tent. The cooking apparatus is simple but effective.

The editor was the guest at dinner of Captain Drake and Lieutenant Campbell. These officers are living on the same rations as those served to the enlisted men. The food is not dainty, but it is substantial, well cooked and plenty of it. Having been in some other camps, we should judge that Company A has better cooks than the average. The dinner hour was a jolly time. The boys all had their appetites and didn't fail to use them.

In front of each cook tent is a trench in which a fire is always burning. We thought the boys were having a barbecue, but on inquiry found it was kept for the cremation of scraps. Nothing in the way of debris or trash is allowed to remain lying around. Every thing is burned at once.

The camp, in fact, is much more sanitary than the average town. There are rules for keeping everything and everybody clean, and the men have to live up to them.

In the shade of a magnificent forest, and with the breeze from the river constantly blowing, the camp is a pleasant place. It is one thing the state has done that it has done well. Co. A was the biggest in the regiment and was ready the quickest. It was shy on equipment, but what it had was in good order.

As aforesaid, Co. A has excellent officers. They are living with their men, sharing their fare and being elder brothers to them. They are of the best type of "volunteer officer."

We saw Gen. Foster passing on one of his constant tours of inspection. It is difficult to understand how the great

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We had expected to see a big crowd of visitors from Jacksonville at the camp, but very few were there. It is probable that Ocala sent a much larger delegation in proportion than any other place. Jacksonville has no companies in the Second regiment, which was ready, or nearer ready than the first, so it takes very little interest in the camp. The First regiment is hustling to get into line, however, and will probably soon join its comrades.

At the time we were at the camp, the Second regiment had not received any new equipment. Not half of the men of Co. A had rifles and other things were lacking. We are informed, however, that the rifles for the Florida troops arrived from Philadelphia Saturday night and all the men are probably armed by this time.

We were very proud of the members of Co. A, for the manner in which they kept up their organization and prouder of the readiness with which they answered the call. After seeing them in camp, our pride in them increases.

Of course, they are only at the a b c of soldiering; they have not yet met danger, or even serious privation. But what they have done is no child's play, and takes them out of the ranks of the "tin soldiers."

To men accustomed to eat regular meals composed of things they like, to sleep on comfortable beds, to have the thousand conveniences of civilization at every hand; to do about as they please except during their working hours, and to follow their own discretion largely then, camp life, camp fare and camp discipline make no picnic. And every man expects and hopes for much more strenuous experiences soon.

The "boys" are doing their duty with good spirit. There is not the slightest indication that any one of them would get out if he could.

As long as they are in camp at Black Point, the Star recommends that their friends and relatives send them such little delicacies as can be sent by parcels post. Their mail is delivered to them on the camp ground, and seems to be well attended to. Little things are very welcome to them just now. When they go further away, it will be impossible to supply them with dainties.

We did not see the troops on parade. It was given out that Co. A and the other companies of the battalion would parade late in the afternoon, but the men were inoculated for typhoid shortly after 2 o'clock, and it was thought best not to exercise them until the immediate effects subsided.

While most of our attention was given to the Marion county company, we did not fail to notice that the entire regiment was a fine set of young men; all cheerful and busy with their work and anxious for orders to go to the front.

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No. 38, St. Petersburg to Jacksonville, 2:25 a. m.

No. 10, Leesburg to Jacksonville, 5:40 a. m.

No. 51, Ocala to Wilcox, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:10 a. m.

No. 35, Ocala to Lakeland (Sunny-jim), Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 6:40 a. m.

No. 141, Wilcox, Gainesville and Palatka to Ocala, 11:15 a. m.

No. 40, St. Petersburg to Jacksonville, 12:54-1:14 p. m.

No. 48, Homosassa to Ocala, 1:05 p. m.

No. 49, Ocala to Homosassa, 2:25 p. m.

No. 33, Jacksonville to St. Petersburg, 2:36-2:40 p. m.

No. 140, Ocala to Palatka, Gainesville and Wilcox, 4:10 p. m.

No. 9, Jacksonville to Leesburg, 9:05 p. m.

No. 150, Wilcox to Ocala, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:45 p. m.

No. 32, Lakeland to Ocala (Sunny-jim), Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 5:50 p. m.

## SEABOARD LOCAL SCHEDULE

## Southbound

No. 9—Leaves Jacksonville 1:35 p. m.; Ocala 4:30 p. m.; arrives Tampa 7:50 p. m.

No. 1—Leaves Jacksonville 9:30 p. m.; Ocala 11:45 a. m.; arrives St. Petersburg 10 a. m.

No. 3—Leaves Jacksonville 9:15 a. m.; Ocala 12:40 p. m.; arrives St. Petersburg 8:05 p. m.

## Northbound

No. 10—Leaves Tampa 1 p. m.; Ocala 4:12 p. m.; arrives Jacksonville 7:15 p. m.

No. 2—Leaves St. Petersburg 4:30 p. m.; Ocala 2:30 a. m.; arrives Jacksonville 6:45 a. m.

No. 4—Leaves Tampa 9 a. m.; Ocala 1 p. m.; arrives Jacksonville 5:25 p. m.

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## NOTHING TO DO

## TILL TOMORROW

Editor Star: For the information of the "old folks at home," I will advise you that the boys have enough to do to keep themselves out of mischief and "evil influences," as frequently referred to by the "dear public." Following is a copy of general orders No. 10:

General Orders State Camp Grounds, No. 10 June 22nd, 1916.

The following hours of service and roll call are announced:

First call, 4:45 a. m.

March, 4:50 a. m.

Reveille, 5 a. m.

Assembly, 5:05 a. m.

Mess (breakfast) 5:30 a. m.

Sick call, 6 a. m.

Fatigue (police) 6 a. m.

Drill call (except Sunday) 6:15 a. m.

Assembly, 6:20 a. m.

First sergeants, 11 a. m.

Mess (dinner) 12 n.

Drill call (except Sunday) 1:55 p. m.

Assembly, 2 p. m.

Guard mount, first call, 4:50 p. m.

Assembly, 4:55 p. m.

Adjutant's call, 5 p. m.

Parade, first call, 5:25 p. m.

Assembly, 5:35 p. m.

Adjutant's call, 5:35 p. m.

Retreat, 5:45 p. m.

Mess (supper) 6 p. m.

Tattoo, 9 p. m.

Call to quarters, 9:15 p. m.

Taps, 9:30 p. m.

A check inspection will be made at taps.

You will see by the above that the boys have something to occupy their minds. Incidentally they have just finished four hours and 15 minutes of a continuous period of drill.

In haste, Edward Drake,

Commanding Company A.

## EXPECT TO BE CALLED ANY HOUR

State Camp Grounds, Black Point, June 24, 1916.

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